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SAME

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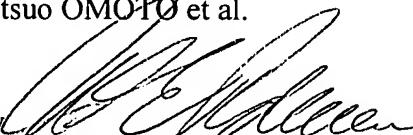
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 - d. the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
 - e. the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference: EP 0550892A1, JP 5-205759 & US 5,248,567 correspond to each other
5. A foreign patent office search report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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